



MEMORANDUM

Virginia Center for School Safety at the
Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services
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Attention School Resource Officers!

Through a partnership between the Virginia Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control and the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services, the Youth Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Project (YADAPP) is pleased to announce the availability of twenty (20) team scholarships for YADAPP 2006. This energetic youth leadership conference will be held during the week of July 24-28, 2006 on the campus of Longwood University in Farmville, Virginia.

The Youth Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Project is a statewide youth leadership conference designed to empower teams of high school students with the resources and motivation to develop projects related to the promotion of school safety and the prevention of drug use among their peers. Since 1984, hundreds of different high schools and community organizations have participated in this unique “youth-led” leadership project.

These scholarships will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. **In order to be eligible for one of these scholarships, a school resource officer must accompany a team of students to the YADAPP 2006 leadership conference.** The school resource officer may serve as either the primary adult sponsor or secondary adult sponsor for the team.

The purpose of this endeavor is to encourage partnerships between school resource officers and their students in the ongoing efforts to prevent substance abuse and violence in schools across the Commonwealth with specific attention being paid to the issue of underage drinking among youth.

Recipients of a team scholarship **will not be required to pay the \$500** registration fee in order to participate in this summer’s conference. This is a great opportunity for you to bring a team of students to this youth-led leadership conference *free* of charge.

Eligibility requirements for a YADAPP 2006 team scholarship:

- You must accompany of team of four students to YADAPP 2006. You can either serve as the team’s primary or secondary adult sponsor.
- You must be an active participant in your team’s activities during YADAPP 2006.
- There is a limit of one team scholarship per school or community organization.

If you would like to receive a team scholarship, please contact Jeff Farthing, YADAPP Coordinator, at the Virginia Center for School Safety of the Department of Criminal Justice Services. Jeff may be reached at 804-786-8487 or jeffrey.farthing@dcjs.virginia.gov. For more information about YADAPP, please visit www.yadapp.com.